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The attention of Jown Superintendents, Teachers, and others interested in the cause of popular education in the State of Vermont is called to Section 2, Act No. 2, of the Laws : Vermont for the year 1866, which reads as fol-

SECTION 2.—The Board of Education are hereby authorized, and it is made their duty, coor before July i, 1867, andoon or before said date every fifth year thereafter, to select a list of such grammars, geographies, arithmetics, his tories of this State and the United States, philosophies, algebras, readers and speliers, not exceeding one book of a kind in each branch, at they shall deem best suited for instruction and use in the district schools in this State, in each of said branches; and shall cause the list is selected to be published in all the news; aperpublished in the State, during the month of January next following the making of such selection; and also to be inserted in each school register issued after one year from the making of such selection; which list, so selected, shall be and remain authoritative and linding upon the Board of Education, superintendents and Section 2.- The Board of Education are be and remain authoritative and 'inding upon the Board of Education, superintendents and teachers, and during five years from and after November 1, 1868, and each five years thereaf-ter; and superintendents and teachers shall recommend for use in the district schools, as new books shall become necessary for instruc-tion in the branches named, no other than the books included in said list so selected and pub-lished.

The following is an extract from the Reporof the Board of Education, for the year 1867 page 8 :

Mitchell's First Lessens, Primary, and Intermediate Geographies were adopted, for these reasons, in brief; the simplicity and clearness of the text, the gradual and constant advancement from the primary traths to the higher departments of geographical knowledge, the conciseness and completeness of the definitions the elegance and accuracy of the maps, the attractives of the pictorial illustrations and the elegance and accuracy of the maps, the at tractiveness of the pictorial illustrations, and the uniform method of treating topics that are similar to each other. Since the adoption of these books, the publishers have taken measures to prepare a spec alcidition of the lotternidiate Geography for use in the schools of Vermont. This edition will contain a new quart map of the State, engraved on experiplate; and four pages of letter press and questions, relating to the geography of Vermont to be prepared by Rev Piny H. White, It is believed that this feature, while it is not to increase the cost of the books, will materially increase its value and the interest with which it will be studied. and the interest with which it will be studie-McNally's Physical treography, accompanied b Monteith's Lessons injastronomy, accompanied by Monteith's Lessons injastronomy, was adopted to be used in those departments of the send which are indicated by their titles. Onyou Common School Geography was adopted as Physical Geography of a grade different from McNally's. Inasmuch as there seems to be some misap

prehension as to the intention and design of it Board in recommending the different text-book in geography, it seems proper to state that i was their intention to recommend the new or Mitchell's Geographics by all classes which have hitherto used, or which would otherwise us-Cornell's, and that they did not design that Guyot's Geographies should be used, except by pupils who, having passed through Mitcheli's. desire to advance to the study of physical geography by Guyot's method.

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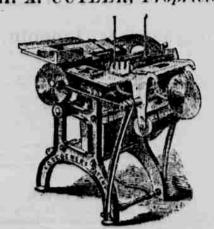
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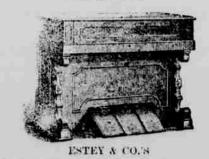
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